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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.
September 21, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God of our ancestors in faith, and animator of faith in the American people today, we come before You with humility and gratitude. As Christians and people of other faiths, we join our Jewish brothers and sisters as they approach Rosh Hashanah. Together we offer prayers of forgiveness, both as individuals and as a Nation.

If we cannot admit our mistakes before you, O Lord, and firmly desire to turn a new page, how can we become the people You require us to be, and where will people of virtue and true leadership be found in a world searching for stability and hope?

As the festival of Rosh Hashanah celebrates all the freshness of a new year and the abundance of a rich harvest, we ask You, Almighty Lord, to bless this Nation in its fullness and in all its institutions of lawful government.

Let our people taste the sweet honey of Your presence and serve You and one another with a refreshed perspective and renewed heart, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KUCINICH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain five 1-minute speeches per side.

LONE STAR VOICE: JASON PITTS, SABINE PASS, TEXAS

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, last year the tiny coastal community of Sabine Pass, Texas, was literally drowned by Hurricane Rita. A year later it is still in shambles. Now the people who live in Sabine Pass say that they survived Rita, but they may not survive the illegals hired to repair the area.

Jason Pitts writes about these fears. In the morning hundreds of vehicles loaded with illegals make their way into my town of Sabine Pass. The traffic problems caused by the illegals are terrible. These drivers have no regard for traffic laws. They pass on the top of bridges, and they speed like they are in a NASCAR race.

To add to the insult, free washers and dryers were brought in for Sabine Pass citizens who lost everything. Soon, illegals were dropping off their clothes and their wives so they could get clothes cleaned for free.

My family and neighbors lost everything they own. There is no way to purchase food or fuel in my hometown. Immigration officials will not send anyone to Sabine Pass to perform immigration checks, because they have been mandated not to do so. This is not acceptable.

Madam Speaker, Jason Pitts is right. Seal our borders, crack down on employers hiring illegals, or risk losing the quality of life of our own citizens.

And that's just the way it is.

SIGNS OF WAR PREPARATION

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, all the signs of preparation for war against Iran are there for anyone who can see. Covert action, the Strategic Air Command, the selection of 1,500 targets, and a plan for a naval blockade, a faked or hyped intelligence report on the degree of uranium enrichment and the manipulation of the media.

It is Iraq all over again, but instead of a Nation of 25 million, Iran is a Nation of 70 million sitting right next to Iraq, where 130,000 U.S. troops are in danger simply because of the war planning.

Today, while our government borrows money from China, Japan and Korea to pay for a war in Iraq that could cost up to \$3 trillion, the administration is preparing to spend more money for a war against Iran. This Congress must not permit this administration to open up another war without permission, without oversight, without justification, without the financial resources, without the human

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